

SITUATION REPORT NO. 5
INCIDENT NO. 2006-020
DATE: July 24, 2006 Time 2:30 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. **NATURE OF DISASTER:** **Statewide Fires** – Dry conditions, high fuel content and gusty winds have contributed to the rapid spread of fires ignited by various sources including thunderstorms, agricultural operations and human error.
2. **DEATHS AND INJURIES:** No changes from previous reports.
3. **DAMAGES:** The Standing Rock Complex was declared 100 percent contained on the evening of July 21. Local, state and federal fire fighting resources worked to reinforce the fire perimeter. The fire consumed 9,226 acres on the Lund Fire and 271 on smaller additional fires involved in the Standing Rock Complex. Local resources will assume management of the incident as of July 22.

Fires reported to the State Operations Center (SOC) since the last Situation Report dated July 20 include: Billings (1), Grant (3), Hettinger (1), McHenry (1), McIntosh (16), Stark (1), and Wells (1). Three Affiliated Tribes reported 50 fires, ranging from 0.25 to 80 acres have been reported between January 26 to July 24, 2006.

4. **RESOURCES:**

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. **VOLUNTEER ACTION:** No changes from previous reports.
6. **MAJOR ACTIONS:** The Rocky Mountain Area Interagency Type II Incident Management Team (IMT), which specializes in battling large scale fires, returned incident command to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on July 22. Two N.D. Forest Service engines remain on scene at the Lund Fire.

The N.D. Department of Health environmental personnel have been monitoring air quality through the agency's statewide ambient air monitoring network. Real time

data provides information related to the levels of particulate matter such as fire smoke and dust. These levels are compared to national ambient air quality standards. Data indicated that levels, even at their peak, were one-half of the standards.

Emergency managers in the south central and southwestern portion of North Dakota issued a combined news release indicating burn bans were still in place despite rainfall on July 20. As outlined in the news release the counties in south central and southwestern North Dakota with burn bans in effect until further notice include: Burleigh, Billings, Bowman, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, Logan, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sioux, and Slope.

In response to the Lund Fire the ND National Guard (NDNG) dropped 67,000 gallons of water (15,000 gallons in the Huey and 52,000 gallons in the Black Hawk) on the fire and flew at total of 10.4 hours in the Black Hawk helicopter and 10.6 hours in the Huey helicopter.

The State Operations Center (SOC) received notification on July 24 that burn bans were issued by the following jurisdictions: Golden Valley, Nelson, Slope and Three Affiliated Tribes.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The Rangeland Fire Index can be obtained on the internet at the N.D. Department of Emergency Services web site at www.nd.gov/des/info/firedanger.html or the NWS website www.crh.noaa.gov/bis/fire.php.

The N.D. Department of Emergency Services Situation Reports are posted on the Departments Internet home page. The address is <http://www.nd.gov/des>.

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